(*b*) whether the Government are aware that vast area of lands can be made use of to produce more crops by bunding up the Chalakkudy river on irrigational basis and also by bunding and reclaiming shallow back-waters on coastal area?

**Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* (*a*) Development of Agriculture is a very wide subject. The entire work done by the Agricultural Department including Research Experiment, Demonstration and Propaganda is based on a definite scheme with the object of developing agriculture in the State.

In view of the present food scarcity Government are undertaking a number of schemes for increasing food production in the State. These schemes consist of new irrigation schemes, extension of cultivation by means of lift irrigation, bringing new areas of Reserve forests under cultivation along the Chalakkudy—Anamalai Road, intensification of cultivation by heavy manuring issue of improved seeds in the existing paddy areas, and the revival of the tapioca and vegetable production schemes.

(*b*) The bunding of the Chalakkudy river can be undertaken only with the consent and collaboration of the Travancore Government.

As regards bunding and reclaiming of shallow backwaters in the coastal area, the matter is under investigation.

**ADVISORY BOARD FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY—APPOINTMENT OF**

165. **Mr. M. O. Thomakutty** *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) do the Government know that the Government of India intend to constitute an Advisory Board to consider ways and means for the development of trade and industry in India;

(*b*) do the Cochin Government propose to appoint any such Advisory Board?

**Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar** *(Prime Minister):* (*a*) No.

(*b*) At present there are two advisory bodies which serve the purpose, *viz.*, the Industrial Advisory Board and the Advisory Committee on Industries and Commerce including Forests Public Works and Fisheries. As such, there is no proposal now to appoint further advisory bodies in this matter.

**(2) (a) STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT REGARDING A SHORT-NOTICE QUESTION**

**Mr. President:** A short-notice question has been received from Mr. P. A. Mohamed Ashrof. It is not that the question is being answered now. With regard to the question, I want to inform the Hon'ble Members that he puts forward a suggestion that printed questions and answers may be given to every member on the previous day. It is a very good idea, no doubt, but the difficulty is that these questions and answers are printed and received back from the Press usually very late in the evening.

**Mr.P.Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* It is shameful.

**Mr. President:** Shameful it may be. It is a fact that the officials are supplied with these questions and answers in the evening itself if, of course, they are received in the evening. But sometimes they are received in the morning only. That being the case, it will not be practicable always to see that today's questions and answers are distributed to all the members yesterday evening. It is a very diffiucult proposition. So, if any Hon'ble Member is desirous of having a copy of the questions and answers that have to come the next day, he may take it from the office if they have come there, but as I mentioned, sometimes they are received very late in the evening, sometimes even at midnight and sometimes the same morning and so on. If the Hon'ble Members are desirous to have a copy, they can get it from the office in case it is there.

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**Mr. President:** My statement contains all that. If any Hon'ble Member finds that it is ready, he may go to the office and get it.

**Mr. M. K. Raja** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Since you have adverted to this question, Sir, may I point out one aspect of the matter? Personally every one would welcome the idea of the questions and answers being put into our hands the even ing previous to the day on which they are actually put in the Council. But if that practice is followed, is there not the danger that some of the questions may leak out and even go to the Press before they are actually put in the Council? I submit that this aspect also will have to be seriously considered by you because I



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